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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

May 2, 1997

Chairman Reed E. Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt,

It is our understanding that the Federal Communications Commission is considering funding the Universal Service requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in part through major increases in business Subscriber Line Charges, through imposition of a new pre-subscribed line surcharge on all business lines, and through a surcharge on each pager and cellular telephone. Whether intended or not, such charges would adversely impact non-profit, tax supported institutions like Indiana State University. Our budgets are already under severe strain in accommodating the extremely rapid growth in the application of information technology in higher education. A further increase in expenses would require either a like increase in appropriations from state tax monies, an increase in tuition, or scaling back our own programs to support primary and secondary school enhancements. We do not believe such was the intent of Congress, and ask that consideration be given to exempting non-profit organizations from any increase in the Subscriber Line Charge and from payment of the pre-subscribed line and pager-cellular telephone surcharges.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Moore
President

cc: Senator Richard Lugar
Senator Daniel Coats
U.S. Representative Edward Pease

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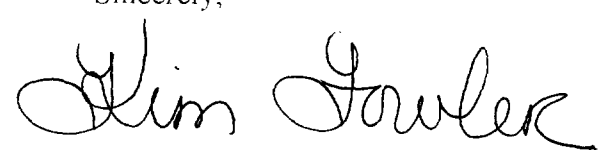
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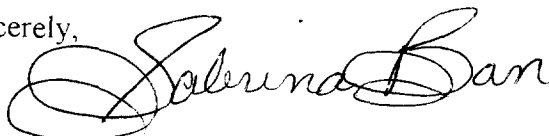
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I am writing to thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensure that all schools have affordable access to the information highway. The creation of a Universal Service Fund to discount telecommunication services for every school and library in the country is the first major initiative to address the needs of our nation's students. This joint effort between the government and businesses will provide the schools with the electronic communications that will allow us to prepare our students for the workforce of tomorrow. I am very disappointed to hear that some telecommunications providers are attempting to undermine this implementation plan by drastically reducing the size of the Universal Service Fund and eliminating the guaranteed discounts for key areas such as classroom connections and Internet use. I am confident, however, that your support of the joint boards discount plan for the universal service for all schools and libraries in the nation will provide for the best educational environment for our students. Your support of this major initiative is truly appreciated.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William A. Hamilton'.

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Delores Young

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Dear Chairman Hundt

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am an educator from Fort Sage Unified School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of school across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the work force of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen. C. West
Teacher, Fort Sage Unified School District

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May 1, 1997

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1919 M St. NW, Room 814
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Sincerely,

Sandra Brewer



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Federal Communications Commission
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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1919 M. St. NW, Room 814
Washington DC 20554

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